

West Florida, Natchez White apple Village January 13
1796

My Dear Cousin

Your letter by Corin Robbin Dated Sep' 2 came to me the 30 December, and am happy to learn from it that you and your Family are well. My Father's family enjoy pretty good health all except myself I have been in a poor state there three years but think I am on the recovery.

I must now tell you how happy I was to get a letter from you at last it is a pleasure I hardly expected tho much wished for. and I do assure you I never sent you a blank there was a letter from for you at the time. Suppose it was lost. You Quote the President I find you are not without an excuse. I have not lost the name of Hutchins perhaps I shall before I write again. I will say no more as this is a country where you cant depend on eny thing & my next will inform you

you are not dissatisfied. Cousin to ask my pardon the Satisfaction of having a letter from you makes amends for all the neglect that I thought was shewn me and if it did not I have long learnt to forgive indeed the church that I have the Happiness to be a member off enjoins forgiveness in the

Strongest manner ~ I hear that your
country is very thickly settled. but if Congress will
be so indulgent to Old Maids. you must make
room for them for expect in a few years you will
have a Vessel full of them for they must expect
no indulgence here but I hope that business will
never take me to the united States. indeed we have
lived so long in this good free Government and
submitted to every imposition. without redress that
was we in that Country should not know how to
act. perhaps if I should be so unfortunate as to
get a husband that is fond of Gambling he may
take me to that Country. but my Cousin I hope
you have a better opinion of my judgment than
to think I will give myself to a Coxcomb or a
Butterfly this place is full of them. but when
I resign my freedom I would wish it to be to a
man of Sense a sober sedate steady planter. such
a one I hope to find. however you may still
address your letters to me by the name of Hutchins

you give me hopes of seeing you once more my
Dear Cousin. if a change should take place. I dread
the name of an American we have been such great
sufferers by them and they have always visited this
Country with such hostile intentions but if every change
should take place hope it will be for the better
you must know the Government we live in allows

us not the Liberty of Speaking freely they wish
us to be Obedient Subjects, and we are obedient Objects
and for fear this letter should miscarry as one did
before. I will not ~~up~~ write my Sentiments freely ~
the Vetcher is much changed since you saw it. it is
thickly settled and we have two large Churches
built. the Planters go chiefly on Cotton and indigo
the Climate is better suited for Tobacco but they
have met with such losses and disappointments in that
article that they have given it up

I am just returned home have been 11 months with my
God Father and God Mother who lives 60 miles below
my Father. Mama desires me to tell you
that she has grown old and good for nothing. but
I think she is very smart and looks as young as she
did 15 years ago. Papa looks old but enjoys good
health and is as active as a boy of 20. My Brothers
and Sisters are all grown up Cousin George and
Ephrem Merrells is well and with us he is a fine
Smart boy my Father is vastly pleased with him
they all join in best remembrances to you and all
their relation and Dear Cousin please to give
my Love to Mr Merrells and kiss the children
for me and am with respect and esteem Dear Sir
your affectionate Cousin

Mary Elizabeth Abert Hutchins

This is sent by a man that came down the
river with G Robinson don't know his name

1796
Came to land August 1st

M^r Peter Marselles

Natchez 3 Sept^r 1800

Dear Cousin

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16th Jan^y last and am sorry to hear of the death of your Daughter and hope to hear of the recovery of the two Children that were ill when you wrote me by your Cousin John Hutchinson. —

My family are all pretty well except my self as I am greatly in the decline of life besides both my sight & hearing are greatly injured; your Aunt & Cousins all join me in our love to you, your Spouse & Children, and to all our friends & relations in your quarter. —

It is not in my power to give any satisfaction respecting Lands here as the chief of the people hold by Spanish Grants as yet, & wait the decision of Congress on that head; I don't think there is any Spanish Grant for any part of Mr Livingston's Tract on the Houma Riv^r altho' a man has in my opinion made an improvement on the lower end of the survey, but that is denied & I believe the Beginning tree cut down, Lands here where the titles are indisputable soils from two Dec^r to eight. I mean where the land lies fit for cultivation & can

the

The Land you spoke to Doct^r Hutchins about he has been offered a high price for in case he should be able to make a title for it which must wait the decision of a Court as it is held by a Spanish Grant by the pope's son. —

Now let me tell you that this is the time to procure land on the Mobile River from bigby Tensow & that way, the people at this juncture are & will be for shipping about, so me this way. Beside to the Spanish Country, that Lands of the first quality may be purchased at an under rate, the best not to exceed two Dollars per Acre. I send this by a Mr Andrews who has promised it shall be sent safe to you under expectation that you will set ^{immediately} out for that Country to avail your self of great bargain there. I am well informed in this matter, besides your Brother George ^{on Mobile River} is here now who is married & settled in that Country, near where you got Slaves & ^{other} Lumber, about two Miles from a Creek he calls Tawla about seven Miles below a Creek he calls sentebogue where he says is a great deal of convenient good Lands to be settled upon over & above what may be disposed of. — Yet I must tell you that the whole may be involved in in the contest of the New England Claim or at least the purchasing Speculators there, which I only touch on as you may have had better information than I have had. And although I ^{wrote to you} ~~touch~~ on those

Even the merit of this rough indigested scrawl as
I have not even time to transcribe Nor read it

Yours affectionate Wm.
A. Hutchins

J. M. Robbins
sends his love to all
his Relations. —

My be
love Dot

M^r John A. Worcester
Near Round Brook, N.H.

New Jersey State

Come to hand. Nov. 30th 1800

A. Hartman's letter

Natchez Cotton Field May 26 ¹⁸⁵⁸

Dear Cousin

I had the pleasure to hear from
you by my Brother John who arrived
here a about six days ago in good health
I wish to inform you that Mr Voudan
and my self are in pretty good health -
if I had time I would reproach you for not
writing to me by such a good opportunity
~~as~~ as my Brother I suppose he has
wrote by this opportunity so I need say
nothing of the Family. Mr Peter
Mercieller just now called and cant stay
an hour or I would write you a long letter
Mr Voudan joins in best wishes for all
your family aunt Lucky and all my

Relations in them parts. I remain wishing
to hear but more to see you Dear Cousin
your affectionate Cousin
Eliza Celeste Voudan.

Mr. Peter Mansfield
Collyer's Station London
late of May 26th 1800

Know all men by these presents that whereas Peter Marfeller
of the township of Piscataway in the County of Middlesex
and State of New Jersey has sold his farm situated and lying
in the County of Middlesex & County of Essex and within the
County of Somerset in the State of New Jersey unto Isaacman Cole
and A Deed of Conveyance warranted and well defined the same from
all Lawful ^{claim} form any and all manner of persons the latter been
Given by the said Peter Marfeller unto the ^S Isaacman Cole
Bearing Date the fifth Day of February Eighteen hundred and fourteen
1814 and to shew the Title and Deeds of Conveyance which the said
Peter Marfeller holds & owns or Lands is by A Deed of Conveyance
Given by James Alexander and Andrew Johnson to Peter
Marfeller and Harmon Marfeller Bearing Date the seventh Day
of March One thousand Seven hundred and forty five 1745 and
by Virtue of the last will and testament of ^S Harmon Marfeller
was bequeth to John & Peter Marfeller the sons of ^S Harmon
Marfeller and was Decided to them the ^S John & Peter according
to said will and testament the parts of ^S Peter having & never
before Conveyed since & Receive the same from his Father and what
he has Purchased himself the total and Deeds of Conveyance
is here in set forth & by A Deed of Conveyance to ^S Peter Marfeller
from Jacob Tremble which the ^S Jacob heard of his father Deacon
Tremble Bearing Date the seven tenth Day of December Twentieth
hundred and Eighty three 1783. A Deed of Conveyance from Joseph
Morse to Daniel Tremble the father of ^S Jacob Tremble
Bearing Date March the twenty third Day Twentieth hundred
and Twenty five 1775. and A Deed of Conveyance from
Antony Little to Joseph Morse of Eighty Acres Bearing Date
the twenty second Day of March Twentieth hundred and Twenty
five 1775 and also A Deed of Conveyance from Thomas Griffen
to Antony ~~Little~~ for thirty six Acres on the south side of the
Road Bearing Date the twenty third day of July Twentieth
hundred and twenty one 1771 - and also A Deed of Conveyance
from Joseph Morse to Antony Little for the Land on the North
side of the Road for forty five Acres bearing Date the Ninth
Day of April Twentieth hundred and Twenty one 1771 -
and also A Deed of Conveyance from Thomas Griffen to Joseph
Morse on the North side of Side of the Road for forty five
Acres bearing Date April Eight Twentieth hundred and
Twenty one 1771
and also A Deed of Conveyance from John Marfeller
to Thomas Griffen for the Land in the County of
Middlesex Bearing Date April third Twentieth hundred
and Twenty 1770 and also A Deed of Conveyance from John
Marfeller to Thomas Griffen for the Land in the County of
Essex Bearing Date the twenty third day of February
Seventeen hundred and Twenty 1770 -

Continued

Brought over

And also A Deed of Conveyance in the County of Somerset
Adjoining the Green Brook and his Other Lands Given by
Daniel Whitehead unto Peter Marspeller bearing Date the sixth
Day of April Twentieth hundred and Eighty seven 1787
Containing seven Acres - the said Described Deeds of Conveyance
is put in the Case of Freeman Cole to whom the Deed of Conveyance
for the whole the Purchase of them the said Freeman Cole acknow-
-leges to have Received and them will safely keep and if it should
happen that any Claim of Title should Ever be made
by any Person or persons of S. Lands by Virtue of a Better
Title than the S. Peter Marspeller Holds by S. Deeds of Conveyance
here in specified then and in such Case the S. Freeman
Cole promises and Obligates him self that he cannot Depend
by the Title Given by the S. Peter Marspeller to Render up
all the Deeds of Conveyance here in specified unto the
said Peter Marspeller or to his heirs Lessor he may bring
any Action against him the S. Peter Marspeller or against
any of his heirs in Order that the said Peter
Peter Marspeller or his heirs may be enabled there by to
Defend them self in Law in Witness where unto the S.
Freeman Cole has here unto set his hand the second Day
of April one thousand eight hundred and fourteen 1814

Witness present.

Also a Quilt Claim of
David Cornue W^m Date
9th December 1768.

is also Includ. in the above -
it being a Memorandum of the same
Between S. Peter Marspeller and
S. David Cornue W^m

Testament
George Boice

Freeman Cole

An Abstract of all the
the Seeds of my Stam-
bation Deposited to
Greenman Coats and his
Receipts for the same

Brought over £.
 15 Dollars to get a looking glass 6-0-0
 1 Feather Bed 54th 28 82 6. 844-28-17-14-3
 4 Good homespun wooling Blankets 5.4.0
 1 Good new Bed Spread 2.8.0
 1 Pair of Tow and Linnen Sheets } 0.15.0
 half worn }
 1 Pair 4 yarded linnen Sheets } 1.0.0
 half worn }
 1 new Diaper Table Cloth } 1.6.3
 4 yds homespun }
 amount from the other Side 32.7.6
 60.7.8
 92.15.2

Memorandum of the articles
 sent my Daughter Elizabeth
 have

Memorandum of articles let my Daughter
Betsey have in 1815.

1. Large hare Trunk		\$1-6-6
5 yds Muslin - a 3/8		0-18-4
5 ^{do} - ^{do} - a 3/1 for Pillo Cases and spread		15-0
2 yds Muslin a - 2/3 for spread		0-4-6
1/2 yd Muslin for spread		0-1-9
3/4 yd Calico for spread		0-2-3
2 yds Muslin - a 3/6 for spread		0-7-0
1 Cotton Ball for spread		0-0-5
2 yds Muslin for spread		0-7-0
3 th Cotton a 2/9 for spread		0-8-3
1. Peace Muslin		2-0-0
2 Shanes Cotton yarn for quilting		0-2-0
1/2 1/8 yds Calico - a 3/6		0-2-3
1/2 1/8 yds ^{do} - a 2/6		0-1-7
1 1/2 yds and nalc of Muslin - a 3/6		0-5-6
6 yds Gingham - a 3/6	x	x x x x x x
1/4 yd Calico - a 3/6		0-0-11
1/4 yd ^{do} - a 2/6		0-0-8
10 yds Diaper - a 2/1		1-0-0
1/2 yd Muslin - a 3/6		0-1-9
8 Chears 13 1/2 Dollars		5-8-0
1. Cotton Ball		0-0-6
1. ^{do} 8. ^{do} Two yds tape 2. ^{do}		0-0-10
10 yds factory Muslin for sheets - a 2/10		1-8-4
Remnent of Diaper		0-1-9
1/4 yd Calico - a 3/6		0-0-11
^{do} ^{do} - a 2/6		0-0-8
1. Beauron 36 Dollars		14-8-0
8 3/4 yds tow Cloath for Bedtick a 2/9		1-4-0
1. Iron Pot		0-16-0
1. ^{do} ^{do}		0-10-0
1. Frying pan		0-8-0
2 Bales to pots		0-5-0
1. Large Table 13 Dollars		
1. Hand 6 Dollars		
Cash 51 Dollars	} 870	28-0-0
		60-7-8

Amount Carried over

Articles let Betsey have

New York July 18th 1818

Dear Sir

After an absence of eighteen years, and a total neglect towards you, I have taken the liberty of addressing a short Scrawl to you, at the same time must assure you that to you I acted like we do towards our future state; put off the day, thinking tomorrow would do; untill at length I feared I had so illy repaid your kind hospitality that my crime was unpardonable. Can you my friend if I may yet call you by that endearing name, can you forgive my apparent neglect. if you can, I must ask the favour of you to address to me a few lines, Mrs Huthins and our youngest Child is with me, also Mrs Odlin of Philadelphia, who is ^{my} ~~the~~ Aunt — we talk of visiting you on our return to the South.

I hope Sir that yourself and family are well;

Your Cousin with much esteem

John Huthins

P.S. Many changes in my family since I saw you, they have almost all departed this life

New York

To J. J. Ward
Do 22nd Brgons
Do 22nd Brgons

16 0
129 6
1 6



John M. M. B. B.

Bombard

New Jersey

John Marshall ~~Esq~~ W. P.
Old Hill

Oliver Mansfield ~~Esq~~ ~~Wm~~
Old Hill

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In the name of God amen I Peter Marfeillis of
of the Township of Bridgewater in the county of
Somerset and State of New Jersey being of a Sound
mind and memory do make and publish this for
my Testament and last Will.

- 1 I do Order and direct my Executors herein after named
to Sell and convey all my real Estate
 - 2 I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Peter Marfeillis
the One fifth part of all my Estate without any
restriction or limitation whatever
 - 3 I Give and Bequeath unto the children of my Son
Lewis Marfeillis the One fifth part of my Estate.
 - 4 I Give and Bequeath unto the children of my Son
Harmen Marfeillis the One fifth part of my Estate.
 - 5 I Give and Bequeath unto the children of my
Daughter Elizabeth Marfeillis now the wife of Smith
Silcocks the One fifth part of my Estate.
 - 6 I Give and Bequeath unto the children of my Daughter
Susannah the One fifth part of my Estate.
Such as each one of them may have at the time of his
or her death lawfully begotten, to be divided between
the children of each one of them Separately, Share and
Share alike.
 - 7 for want of Issue by either of my Sons or Daughters
Lewis, Harmen, Elizabeth or Susannah, I Give the
Share of the children of Such, to my Son Peter and
my Surviving grand children to be divided between
them So that the Share of Peter shall be equal to the
Share of the children of one of my Sons or daughters
that is to my Son Peter one Share, and to the child or
children, of each one of my Sons or Daughters one
Share
 - 8 and whereas I have heretofore advanced unto my
Daughter Elizabeth the Sum of two hundred and thirty
One dollars and ninety two cents therefore I charge
the Same to her children, to be by them refunded.
- 9

9 the four fifth parts of my Estate which is hereby given to the Children of my Son Lewis ^{and} Harmer and of my Daughters Elizabeth and Susannah, I do Order and direct my Executors herein after named to pay the Same into the hands of John LaTourrette, Peter Vail, Abraham Maats, James Van Dusen, Samuel Swan, John Harris, and Otto Van Dugh, the Present Trustees of the Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook in the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex or to their Successors in Office, not to their own use, but in trust to put it out at Interest and Secure the payment thereof by way of Mortgage and bond on Sufficient Real Property free from Incumbrance, and I do hereby Order and direct the Said Trustees and their Successors in Office to pay the Interest arising thereon yearly and every year to my four Children that is Lewis, Harmer, Elizabeth and Susannah to each one the one fourth part thereof for and during their and each of their natural lives, and at their death I do hereby ^{or} and direct the Said Trustees and their Successors to pay the principal Sum in their hands to the person or persons Intitled thereto by this Will.

10 I do nominate and appoint my Son Peter Marfeillis and my Friend Jacob Van Deventer of Bridgewater in Somerset County Executors of this my Testament and last Will.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this Fourth day of January In the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Twenty.

Signed Sealed Published pronounced and declared by the Said Peter Marfeillis to be his Testament and last Will in the presence of us whose names

hereunto Subscribed and Witnessed.

Jeremiah Fisher
James Van Dusen
Pais Bonney

This Indenture made this first Day of Oct^r in
the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred
and twenty two between Peter Marvilles of
the County of Sumner and State of Vir-
ginia of the first part and Peter Marvilles
-les J^r of the same place of the other part
witnesseth that the S^r. Peter Marvilles
for and in consideration of fifty Dollars hath
rented to Peter Marvilles J^r his latter Shop
yard and a path to the well as agreeable to Dr.
Smiths Lease for the term of one year and six
months from the above date which the
S^r. Peter Marvilles J^r now occupies and
to give peaceable possession to Peter Marvilles
his Executors or Assigns at the Expiration of S^r.
term and to leave all in as good Repair as it is
now in Natural wear five and ten pence
excepted the S^r rent is to be paid in three
Equal payments that is to say the one third to
be paid at the Expiration of six months the
third at the Expiration of one year or the
remainder third at the Expiration of S^r term
and further the S^r. Peter Marvilles J^r promises
and agrees to bind him self his lawful Repres-
-entatives in the penal Sum of one thousand
Dollars in favour of the above Lease
as witnesseth our hands
and Seals the day & year } Peter ^{his} Marvilles
first a bare witness } mark

Eliza Coriell — Peter Marvilles J^r

Peter Marzeilles Jr

House of Representatives

Grandbrook 29 March 1824

Recd fifty Dollars in full on A/c within
by me for Peter Marzeilles

Lease

Jacob De Groot